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Remarks

In view of the above amendments to the claims, the applicants submit that the claims now pending in the application are in allowable form.

OBJECTIONS**A. Claims 14 and 17**

The Examiner objects to claims 14 and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have rewritten claims 11 and 15 to include the limitations of claims 14 and 17, respectively. In view of these amendments to the claims, the basis for the Examiners' objection thereto has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants believe that all of the claims now pending in the application are in allowable form. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

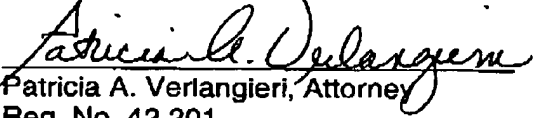
If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring a rejection of any of the claims now pending in the application, it is

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requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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